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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Matthew Ashby  
Filed : June 25, 2003  
Application No. : 10/607,077  
Confirmation No. : 1068  
Examiner : Teresa E. Strzelecka  
Group Art Unit : 1637  
For : METHODS FOR THE SURVEY AND GENETIC  
ANALYSIS OF POPULATIONS

New York, New York  
April 30, 2007

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RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 31, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the October 31, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application.

Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) to extend the time for filing this response for three months, up to and including April 30, 2007. This response is, thus, timely filed. Applicant has also filed a Notice of Appeal and paid the required fee.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: